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We therefore wish to express our full support for the initiative taken by the delegations of Argentina and New Zealand. Without wishing to impinge in any way on the prerogatives of the members of the Council. We trust that their proposal will receive full consideration by the Council and can prove to be the basis for improved consultation procedures between troop-contributing countries, Council members and the Secretary-General.

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Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 14 October 1994 (S/1994/1166),

Having decided, at the consultations held on 20 October 1994, to send a mission to Somalia (S/1994/1194), and convinced that it should consider the report of this mission before completing its review of the mandate of the United Nations Operation in Somalia (UNOSOM II) and deciding on its future,

1. Decides to extend the mandate of UNOSOM II for an interim period expiring on 4 November 1994;

2. Decides to remain actively seized of the matter.

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